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Whenary 4-6-21st Clinical Conference in Pediatric Anesthestology. Childrens Hospital at Marriott Hotel, Los Angeles. Friday-Sunday. 15 hrs. \$175. Contact: Wayne Herbert, MD, Childrens Hosp., 4650 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 90027. (213) 669-2262.

February 13-18-11th Obstetric Anesthesia Conference. Ohio State University at Maui Surf Hotel, Maui, and Sheraton Waikiki, Oahu. Sunday-Friday. 25 hrs. Contact: Ohio State Univ. Hospitals, Dept. of Anesthesiology, 410 W. 10th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210. (614) 421-8487.

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March 5-6—Hyperthermia and Radiation Therapy in the Treatment of Cancer-18th Annual Cancer Symposium. West Coast Cancer Foundation at Sheraton Palace, San Francisco. Saturday-Sunday. 12 hrs. \$115 before Feb. 1; \$140, thereafter. Contact: WCCF, 50 Francisco St., Suite 200, San Francisco 94133. (415) 981-4590.

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February 9—Cardiology Symposium on Pacemakers. N. T. Enloe Memorial Hospital, Chico. Wednesday. 6 hrs. \$50. Contact: Cont. Ed. Office, N. T. Enloe Mem. Hosp., W. 5th Ave. and The Esplanade, Chico 95926. (916) 891-7375.

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- March 9—Therapy of Ischemic Heart Disease. LLU. Wednesday.
- March 10-11—Neurosciences Symposium III. Sutter Community Hospitals at Red Lion Motor Inn, Sacramento. Friday-Saturday. 14 hrs. Contact: Janette Wackerly, Sutter Gen. Hosp., 2820 L St., Sacramento 95816. (916) 454-2222, ext. 1430.
- March 14-15—MKSAP Review Course. American College of Physicians and UCD at Hyatt Union Square, San Francisco. Monday-Tuesday. 12 hrs. Contact: UCD.
- March 14-18—Allergy and Dermatology. Symposium Maui, Inc.; American Academy of Family Physicians, Hawaii Chap.; Hawaii Medical Assn. at Royal Lahaina Resort, Kaanapali, Maui. Monday-Friday. 22 hrs. Contact: Joe Harrison, MD, Symposium Maui, Inc., P.O. Box 10185, Lahaina, Maui 96761.
- March 19-20—MKSAP VI Review Course—Internal Medicine Review Part II. American College of Physicians and UCLA at UCLA. Saturday-Sunday. 12 hours. \$160. Contact: UCLA.
- March 26-April 2—Vascular Disease. Univ. of Washington School of Medicine at Royal Lahaina, Maui. One week. Contact: U/W Sch. of Med., Div. of CME, SC-50, Seattle 98195. (206) 543-1050.

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- January 29—Ovulation Update: 1983. Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, La Jolla. Saturday. 6 hrs. \$75. Contact: Dianne Tisue, Dept. of Academic Affairs, Scripps Clinic and Research Fndn., 10666 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla 92037. (714) 455-9100.
- February 5-11—Perinatal Medicine. USC at Royal Lahaina, Maui. One week. 23 hrs. \$425.
- February 6-11—OB/GYN Update. UCD at Hyatt, Lake Tahoe. Sunday-Friday. 22 hrs.
- February 14-18—38th Annual Postgraduate Assembly. OB-GYN Assembly of So. Calif. at Beverly Hilton, Beverly Hills. Monday-Friday. 28 hrs. \$375. Contact: Dir. of Med. Ed., OB-GYN Assembly of So. Calif., 5820 Wilshire Blvd., #500, Los Angeles 90036. (213) 937-5514.
- March 12-19—Office Gynecology. Univ. of Washington School of Medicine at Sheraton Waikoloa, Kona. One week. Con-

- tact: U/W Sch. of Med., Div. of CME, SC-50, Seattle 98195 (206) 543-1050.
- March 20-23—OB/GYN for the Practicing Physician. UCSF Yosemite. Sunday-Wednesday.

PEDIATRICS

- November 19-22—Pediatric Update. Calif. Chapters 1, 2, 3, American Academy of Pediatrics, at Hilton, Las Vegas, Friday-Monday. 14 hrs. \$195, members; \$220, nonmembers, Contact: Eve Black, P.O. Box 2134, Inglewood 90305, (213) 757-1198.
- November 28-30—Kids Have Bones, Too. UCD at Hyatt Del Monte, Monterey. Sunday-Tuesday. 14 hrs. \$165.
- December 4—Emergency Pediatrics, Part II. Calif. Chapters, American Academy of Pediatrics, at Holiday Inn on Union Square, San Francisco. Saturday. Contact: Beverly Busher, No. Calif. Chap., AAP, 422 Alexander Ave., Larkspur 94939. (415) 924-9613.
- January 12—22nd Annual Parmelee Memorial Lecture. Los Angeles Pediatric Society at Hilton, Los Angeles. Wednesday. 4½ hrs. Contact: Eve Black, P.O. Box 2022, Inglewood 90305. (213) 757-1198.
- January 31-February 3—8th Annual Winter Ski and Study Symposium. Calif. Chapters 1 and 2, American Academy of Pediatrics, at Caesar's, Lake Tahoe. Monday-Thursday. Contact: Eve Black, P.O. Box 2134, Inglewood 90305. (213) 757-1198.
- February 17-19—Pediatric Urology. See Surgery, February 17-19.
- February 23-March 1—Adolescent/Young Adult Medicine. Hurley Medical Center at Wailea Beach Hotel, Maui. One week. 20 hrs. Contact: Hurley Med Ctr., Dept. of Cont. Med. Ed., One Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48504. (313) 766-0142.
- March 10-13—Combined Southern California Pediatric Postgraduate Meeting. Calif. Chap. 2, American Academy of Pediatrics, at Hilton Riviera, Palm Springs. Thursday-Sunday. Contact: Eve Black, P.O. Box 2134, Inglewood 90305, (213) 757-1198.
- March 19-26—Updates in Pediatrics: An Epic Medical Expedition. American Institute of Primary Care Medicine and Univ. of Arizona College of Medicine at Maui. One week. 24 hrs. Contact: Richard Paris, MD, P.O. Box 209, Sun Valley, ID 83353.

PSYCHIATRY

- November 20-27—3 for 1: Protology; Psychiatry; Principles. Univ. of Washington School of Medicine at Sheraton Waikoloa, Kona. One week. Contact: U/W Sch. of Med., Div. of CME, SC-50, Seattle 98195. (206) 543-1050.
- December 9-12—New Approaches in Psychoanalytic Therapy. American Academy of Psychoanalysis at Hotel del Coronado, Coronado. Thursday-Sunday. 20 hrs. Contact: Vivian Mendelsohn, AAP, 30 E. 40th St., Suite 608, New York 10016. (212) 679-4105.
- January 3-7—Couple and Family Therapy: Conflict and Change. Mental Research Institute, Palo Alto. Monday-Friday. 15 hrs. \$150. Contact: MRI, 555 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94301. (415) 321-3055.
- January 9-13—Mental Research Institute—Winter Seminar-Palo Alto. Sunday-Thursday. 27 hrs. \$270. Contact: MRI, 555 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94301. (415) 321-3055.
- January 17-21—Divorce Mediation. Mental Research Institute. Palo Alto. Monday-Friday. 15 hrs. \$155. Contact: MRI, 555 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94301.
- January 23-28—9th Annual Midwinter Program in Continuing Medical Education for Psychiatrists. UCD at Hyatt, Lake Tahoe. Sunday-Friday. 26 hrs. \$265.
- January 29—Heinz Von Foerster on Applications of the Constructivist Perspective in Family Therapy, Mental Research

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mstitute, Palo Alto. Saturday. 6 hrs. \$85. Contact: MRI, 55 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto 94301. (415) 321-3055.

cuary 3-6—Cognitive, Emotional and Neurophysiologic Efects of Head Trauma: Post-Concussion Syndrome. So. Calif. Reuropsychiatric Institute at La Quinta Hotel, La Quinta Thursday-Sunday. 15 hrs. Contact: Gail Waldron, MD, SCNPI, 6794 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla 92037. (714) 454-2102.

pruary 26-27—Biobehavioral Science for Psychiatrists. STAN. Saturday-Sunday. 11 hrs. \$250.

ADIOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY

pcember 2-4—International Symposium on Medical Virology. UCI at Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim. Thursday-Saturday. 23 phrs. Contact: Luis M. de la Maza, MD, PhD, Dept. of Pathology, UCI Med. Ctr., Orange 92668. (714) 634-6868.

coember 5-7—Leucocyte Conference. USC at Asilomar, Pacific Grove. Sunday-Tuesday.

Anuary 10-13—Imaging Symposium. San Diego Radiology Research and Education Foundation at Hotel del Coronado, Coronado. Monday-Thursday. 27 hrs. \$350. Contact: Mary J. Ryals, Prog. Coordinator, P.O. Box 61203, DFW Airport, Texas 75261. (214) 659-9590.

anuary 17-21—Advanced Microbiology: Recent Developments and New Frontiers. American Society of Clinical Pathologists at Holiday Inn-Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco. Monday-Friday. 32 hrs. \$600/\$700. Contact: Marian Macdonald, ASCP, 2100 W. Harrison St., Chicago 60612. (312) 738-1336.

anuary 17-21—Interventional Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging Modalities. UCSF at Fairmont, San Francisco. Monday-Friday. 33 hrs. \$400.

anuary 22-30—11th Annual Diagnostic Radiology Seminars.
UCSF at Waiohai Hotel, Kauai. One week. 31 hrs. \$350.

January 24-27—Chest Radiology 1983. UCSD at Holiday Inn at the Embarcadero, San Diego. Monday-Thursday. 24 hrs. \$300. Contact: Mary J. Ryals, Prog. Coordinator, P.O. Box 61203, DFW Airport, Texas 75261. (214) 659-9590.

Rebruary 2-4—5th Annual Immunoassay Conference. Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation at Vacation Village, San Diego. Wednesday-Friday. 21 hrs. \$250. Contact: Dianne Tisue, Dept. of Academic Affairs, Scripps Clinic and Research Fndn., 10666 N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla 92037. (714) 455-9100.

February 2-4—10th Annual Course in Genitourinary Pathology. Memorial Hospital Medical Center-UCI Center for Health Education, Long Beach. Wednesday-Friday. 23 hrs. Contact: Asst. Dir., Ctr. for Health Ed., 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach 90801.

February 2-7.—Society of Nuclear Medicine—2nd Conjoint Winter Congress. Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco. Wednesday-Monday. Contact: SNM, Meetings Dept., 475 Park Ave. So., New York 10016. (212) 889-0717.

February 4-6—35th Annual Midwinter Radiological Conference. Los Angeles Radiological Society at Century Plaza, Los Angeles. Friday-Sunday. \$125, members; \$175, nonmembers.
Contact: Diane Johnson, LARS, P.O. Box 57278, Los Angeles 90057. (213) 484-5120.

February 6-11—5th Annual Winter Conference in the High Sierra—OB/GYN Imaging. American College of Medical Imaging at Sahara, Lake Tahoe. Sunday-Friday. 25 hrs. \$347, members; \$385, nonmembers. Contact: ACMI, P.O. Box 27188, Los Angeles 90027. (213) 275-1393.

February 6-12—Los Angeles Radiological Society—Annual Post Convention Seminar. Hyatt Regency, Kaanapau, Maui. One week. 20 hrs. Contact; Diane Johnson, LARS, P.O. Box 57278, Los Angeles 90057. (213) 484-5120.

Pebruary 9-12—Nuclear Radiology. UCSD at Hotel del Coronado, Coronado. Wednesday-Saturday. 20 hrs. \$335. Contact: Mary J. Ryals, Prog. Coordinator, P.O. Box 61203, DFW Airport, Texas 75261. (214) 659-9590.



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- February 14-18—Current Methods in Blood Banking and Immunohematology. American Society of Clinical Pathologists at Town and Country, San Diego. Monday-Friday. 31½ hrs. \$560/\$660. Contact: Marian Macdonald, ASCP, 2100 W. Harrison St., Chicago 60612. (312) 738-1336.
- February 23-25—New Imaging Modalities in Radiology. Memorial Hospital Medical Center at Hilton Riviera, Palm Springs. Wednesday-Friday. 18 hrs. Contact: Asst. Dir., Ctr. for Health Ed., 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach 90801.
- March 9-11—Sierra Radiology Conference. Sacramento Radiology Research and Education Foundation at North Lake Tahoe. Wednesday-Friday. 18 hrs. \$280. Contact: Arthur B. Dublin, MD, Prog. Dir., Sacramento Radiology Research and Education Fndn., P.O. Box 161112, Sacramento 95816.
- March 14-18—Diagnostic Radiology. UCSF. Monday-Friday. 33 hrs. \$400.
- March 14-18—4th Midwinter Diagnostic Radiology Conference on Imaging Modalities in the Chest and Abdomen. Loyola Univ. at Kapalua Bay Hotel, Maui. Monday-Friday. 20 hrs. \$325. Contact: L. Gunzburger, PhD, Div. of Cont. Med. Ed., Loyola Univ. Med. Ctr., 2160 S. 1st Ave., Maywood, IL 60153. (312) 531-3236.
- March 21-25—Obstetric and Gynecologic Pathology. American Society of Clinical Pathologists at San Diego. Monday-Friday. 28 hrs. \$550/\$650. Contact: Marian Macdonald, ASCP, 2100 W. Harrison St., Chicago 60612. (312) 738-1336.
- March 23-25—Current Concepts in Surgical Pathology. STAN. Wednesday-Friday. 21 hrs. \$400.

SURGERY

- November 18-21—Modern Concepts in Operative Neurosurgery, Critical Care and Rehabilitation. Comprehensive Central Nervous System Injury Fndn. and Inst. for Medical Education and Research at Hilton on Mission Bay, San Diego. Friday-Sunday. 20 hrs. \$250. Contact: CNS Injury Fndn., P.O. Box 9494, San Diego 92109. (714) 272-3126.
- November 28-December 10—Temporal Bone Surgical Dissection Course. House Ear Institute, Los Angeles. Two weeks. 100 hrs. \$1,500. Contact: Antonio De La Cruz, MD, House Ear Inst., 256 S. Lake St., Los Angeles 90057.
- December 3-4—The Anterior Cruciate Ligament "State of the Art." Memorial Hospital Medical Center-UCI Center for Health Education, Long Beach. Friday-Saturday. 16 hrs. Contact: Asst. Dir., Ctr. for Health Ed., 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach 90801. (213) 595-3811.
- December 4—Photocoagulation Workshop. Jules Stein Eye Institute, Los Angeles. Saturday. 8 hrs. \$250. Contact: Lu Hendricks, JSE1, UCLA Sch. of Med., Ctr. for Health Sciences, Los Angeles 90024. (213) 825-4617.
- January 12-Office Urology. LLU. Wednesday. 4 hrs.
- January 14-15—10th Annual Santa Clara County Surgical Seminar—Critical Care and Current Concepts. Santa Clara Co. Surgical Seminar Assn.. at Le Baron Hotel, San Jose. Friday-Saturday. 15 hrs. \$160. Contact: Surgical Seminar, c/o Kenneth Watanabe, MD, 150 N. Jackson Ave., #209, San Jose 95116.
- January 17-19—Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Hilton, San Francisco. Monday-Wednesday. Contact: STS, 111 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago 60601.
- January 21-22—5th Annual Postgraduate Course on Surgery, UCD at Holiday Inn, Sacramento. Friday-Saturday. 14 hrs. \$135.
- January 24-26—Midwinter Clinical Conference in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. Research Study Club at Hilton, Los Angeles. Monday-Wednesday. 21 hrs. \$200. Contact: Research Study Club, P.O. Box 49412, Los Angeles 90049.
- January 29—Practical Use of the Visual Physiology Laboratory. Jules Stein Eye Institute, Los Angeles. Saturday. 8 hrs. \$50. Contact: Lu Hendricks, JSEI, UCLA Sch. of Med., Ctr. for Health Sciences, Los Angeles 90024. (213) 825-4617.
- February 3-5-Cosmetic Blepharoplasty Workshop. Jules Stein

- Eye Institute, Los Angeles. Thursday-Saturday. Contact: 1 Hendricks, JSEI, UCLA Sch. of Med., Ctr. for Health Sences, Los Angeles 90024. (213) 825-4617.
- February 6-10—Lake Tahoe Vitreo-Retinal Symposium. Retine Faculty, UCD, at Granlibakken Ski Resort, Tahoe City Sunday-Thursday. Contact: Donald May, MD, 2315 Stock ton Blvd., Sacramento 95817. (916) 453-2941.
- February 14-17—Musculo-Skeletal Disease—New Diagnostic Concepts and Modalities. UCSD at Hotel del Coronado. Coronado. Monday-Thursday. 21 hrs. \$300. Contact: Many J. Ryals, Prog. Coordinator, P.O. Box 61203, DFW Airport, Texas 75261. (214) 659-9590.
- February 17-19—Pediatric Urology. American Urological Assn. at Hilton, San Diego. Thursday-Saturday. 16 hrs. Contact Alice Henderson, Office of Ed., AUA, P.O. Box 25147, Houston TX 77265. (713) 790-6070.
- February 19-26—Updates in Trauma: An Epic Medical Expedition. American Inst. of Primary Care Medicine and University of Arizona College of Medicine at Maui. One week. 24 hm. Contact: Richard Paris, MD, P.O. Box 209, Sun Valley, ID 83353.
- February 23-24—Neurological Problems. Federation of Western Neurological Societies and UCLA at UCLA. Wednesday. Thursday. Contact: UCLA.
- February 25-26—Ophthalmology Update on Basic Sciences for the Clinician. Update: Findn. for Systematic Postgraduate Education in Ophthalmology, UCD, PMC, UCSF. STAN at San Franciscan Hotel, San Francisco. Saturday-Sunday. Contact: Update, 3910 Sand Hill Rd., Woodside 94062. (415) 563-4321, ext. 2763.
- March 7-11—Surgical Forum. Soc. of Graduate Surgeons of the Los Angeles Co./USC Med. Ctr. at Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. Monday-Friday. 31 hrs. \$350. Contact: Dir. of Med. Ed., Soc. of Graduate Surgeons, 5820 Wilshire Blvd., #500, Los Angeles 90036. (213) 937-5514.
- March 9-10—American Orthopaedic Foot Society. Anaheim. Wednesday-Thursday. 12½ hrs. Contact: Kenneth A. Johnson, MD, Dept. of Orthopedics, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN 55905. (507) 284-2778.
- March 10-15—American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Convention Center, Anaheim. Thursday-Tuesday. Contact: AAOS, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 60611.
- March 14-18—Sports Medicine. Univ. of Hawaii at Princess Kaiulani Hotel. Waikiki, Honolulu. Monday-Friday. 18 hrs. \$250. Contact: Ms. Joy Lewis, Box CEW-CCECS, 2530 Dole St., Honolulu 96822. (808) 948-8244.
- March 17-19—Gynecologic Surgery With Emphasis on Gynecologic Urology. Memorial Hospital Medical Ctr. at Hilton Riviera, Palm Springs. Thursday-Saturday. 15 hrs. Contact: Asst. Dir., Ctr. for Health Ed., 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach 90801.
- March 19-20—Ophthalmology Update on Basic Sciences for the Clinician. Update: Findn. for Systematic Postgraduate Education in Ophthalmology, UCD, PMC, UCSF, STAN at San Franciscan Hotel, San Francisco. Saturday-Sunday. Contact: Update, 3910 San Hill Rd., Woodside 94062. (415) 563-4321, ext. 2763.
- March 19-23—20th Annual Seminar on Controversial Areas in Surgery. UCLA at Palm Springs. Saturday-Wednesday.
- March 23-25—Diseases of the Urinary Tract. STAN at Rickey's Hyatt, Palo Alto. Wednesday-Friday. 16 hrs. \$225.
- March 24-27—11th Annual Symposium on Vascular Surgery-UCLA at Palm Springs. Thursday-Sunday.

OF INTEREST TO ALL PHYSICIANS

November 15-19—An International Perspective on Substance Abuse: The Problem, Its Treatment, and Medical Education Assn. for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse; World Health Org.; State Univ. of NY Downstate Med. Ctr.; et al at Claremont Hotel, Oakland. Monday-Fri-

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EPITOMES—ORTHOPEDICS

ative techniques. The major advantages are decreased morbidity, rapid recovery of function and small scars. An arthroscopic meniscectomy in a healthy patient requires only a short hospital stay or an outpatient visit, and often the patient can return to normal activities within two to three weeks. The published rates of complications are much lower than with open arthrotomies for the same procedure.

The range of procedures that are being done arthroscopically has expanded dramatically. Initially the operations were limited to the removal of loose bodies, obtaining synovial biopsies, treatment of patellar malalignment and resection of meniscal tears. Techniques are now being perfected for the treatment of osteochondritis dissecans, degenerative arthritis and postsurgical fibrosis. Experimentally, development is proceeding with techniques for the suture of torn menisci, the reconstruction of anterior cruciate ligaments and the use of lasers for surgical repair of joints.

It is too early to assess the long-term results of arthroscopic operative techniques, but, as noted above, the short-term results have been excellent. The intermediate-term evaluation of arthroscopic meniscectomies indicates that the results are comparable with or better than those obtained with standard techniques two to five years after an operation.

There are two major disadvantages of arthroscopic operations. First, the technique is difficult to learn and to do. Most skilled arthroscopists feel that it requires the experience of about 100 diagnostic procedures to reach a satisfactory level of proficiency to begin surgical work. They also agree that most surgeons will require 50 to 100 arthroscopic surgical procedures to become comfortable with the technique. Second, delicate and expensive equipment is required for arthroscopic operations, and this equipment will not be available at every hospital. The short-term effect of these two factors will be to limit the number of orthopedic surgeons who do arthroscopic operations. CHARLES R. STROTZ, MD

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